



TERM 3 2026

GBOOSH NEWS



Updates from GBOOSH

Welcome to Term 3, 2026: We look forward to a busy term 3, as we start preparing for 2027 enrolments and more fun during the upcoming Vacation Care periods!

Staffing updates: Charlotte, Emily and Josh joined the team late last term and have now enjoyed their first Vacation Care. As GBOOSH farewelled Tessa at the end of Term 2, Larisa has now stepped into an permanent part-time educator role and enjoying working with the team 5 days per week.

OOSH Educators Day: recently the GBOOSH team celebrated OOSH Educators Day. Thank you to our amazing GBOOSH team for all their work throughout the year and to the Committee for supporting the celebrations. Thanks to Lucy B Chocolates for providing a sweet treat for the team too!

Absences from Care: It is the responsibility of each parent to advise GBOOSH when their child will be absent from care. Advice can be in an email info@gymeabayoosh.com.au or via SMS 0408210705, failure to advise the service in advance may result in your account being charged a non-notification fee.

GBOOSH Accounts: Please remember to check your email each Monday for your updated statement. Families on Direct Debit will be charged weekly, fortnightly or monthly in line with your chosen billing cycle. Please remember that there are dishonour fees payable if your payment does bounce/decline. If you make payments manually, please refer to the banking details on your statement and ensure you include your child's name & surname with the payment.

If you have some extenuating circumstances which prevent you from making your usual payment or your CCS is suspended for a period, please speak to GBOOSH about a payment plan or other arrangements to support your family in the short term. Please advise us of any changes in writing to info@gymeabayoosh.com.au

GBOOSH Management Committee Update

The GBOOSH Management Committee is a volunteer group of parents who meet online for about 1 hour each month to discuss the centre's financial and operational matters. As a not-for-profit parent run service, GBOOSH management will be working towards a merger with the school's P&C Committee. This is a requirement of the Department of Education and once completed GBOOSH will be issued with an 8 year licence.

On Wednesday 20 May 2026 the GBOOSH Management Committee held their AGM and the new committee was appointed for 2026/2027:

- **Executive Members:** Alecia Brooks, Eloise Chalker, Jillian Pancott, Sofia Adelman, Dimiti O'Farrell
- **General Members:** Jennie Blackhall, Renee Kirchner, Daniela Fawcett, Natalie Chandler, Diana Abeleven, Rina Ward (as P&C OOSH co-convenor)

A HUGE **THANK YOU** to our outgoing members, some who have been active members of the committee for over 5 years. A special mention goes to Craig Manwarring who has held the position of Treasurer and PMC since 2020.

On 22 July, the Committee caught up for their meeting over dinner which was a great opportunity to discuss plans for the remainder of 2026.

If you would like to join us for our next online GBOOSH Management Committee Meeting, please email Corinne.director@gymeabayoosh.com.au for meeting details.

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Vacation Care Programs

Thank you to those families who supported our July vacation care program.

This holiday period the GBOOSH team put together a series of activities and incursions based on the theme 'Highlights from Around the World'. We had some amazing incursions; from learning about Japanese culture, to Brazilian capoeira, celebrating 50 years of NAIDOC, competing in our own Commonwealth Games, to being mini pizza chefs from Italy. Everyone had a ball & learnt something new.

Many hours of work goes into planning and booking each day. It is very rewarding to see the children engaged in the program and to receive feedback from families.

If you would like to provide feedback our survey is open for one more week:
<https://forms.gle/iBQtC35nybxTA4V6>



Next holidays the theme is 'Under Construction' with lego workshops, street art lessons, STEM activities and a day out to the cinema, as GBOOSH has its own renovations with the inside of the centre being re-painted. To allow for the re-painting of the centre, GBOOSH will be closed on Friday 9 October and re-open for Vacation Care on Monday 12 October 2026 (school returns Tuesday 13 October).

The September-October Vacation Care Program will be available on the website in week 7 of Term 3. Please look out for the email alert.



Planning for January 2027 Vacation Care

When planning for the December/January Vacation Care dates, the GBOOSH Committee looks at previous patterns of attendance to gauge community care needs as well as operational costs for periods where attendance and care needs, appear to be low.

Based on low numbers in December 2025, GBOOSH will not be operating Vacation Care in the lead up to Christmas. It is proposed that this year GBOOSH will close in line with the end of Term 4 2026, with the final day of BSC & ASC being Thursday 17 December 2026.

Proposed dates for January 2027 Vacation Care are as follows:

- If care is needed GBOOSH will consider opening for care on 6 & 7 January 2027. Expressions of interest will be collected for this period to determine if there is adequate need.
- from 11 January 2027 GBOOSH will open for Vacation Care.
- **please note** that any days which do not achieve a minimum of 25 children: on the basis of cost, it may be determined that, the centre will operate on reduced hours or remain closed. Families will be given as much notice as possible of these restrictions.

A google survey will soon be emailed to all families to get an approximate indication of care for this period to assist with planning and staffing.

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Medication, Medical Action Plans and Risk Minimisation Plan Reviews

Managing the health and well-being needs of children in our care is a big responsibility and safety is paramount when it comes to managing health conditions. Families need to keep GBOOSH regularly updated of any changes to their child's health and well-being needs, so we can ensure we are able to meet these needs safely in the OOSH setting.

It is important to note that the school is not responsible for sharing any updates with GBOOSH, parents must provide this information directly to GBOOSH.

New ASCIA Medical Action Plans have been released and all services have been advised that any actions plans dated prior to 2025 need to be replaced with the new format within the next few months.

In light of these changes, GBOOSH will be asking families with plans dated prior to 2025 to have a new plan written up by the child's specialist or GP by the end of 2026.

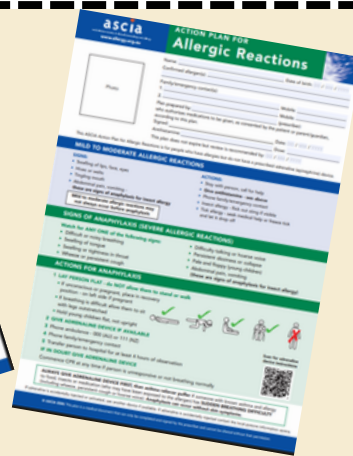
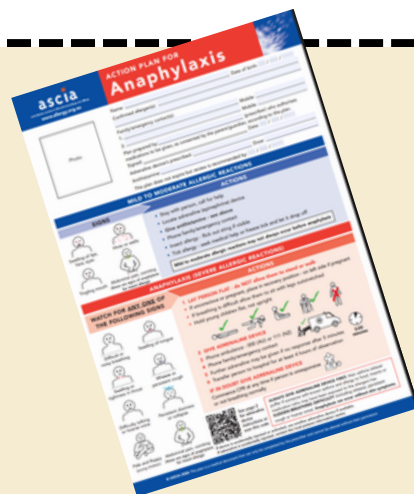
Advice from ASCIA states that GP's have been advised of the changes and plans can be updated on request without a formal appointment, if there has been no change to the child's medical needs.

As new treatments and medications have also come on the market and PBS, please make sure that the medication supplied (including brand) correctly matches what is written on your child's plan. All medications must be supplied in it's original packaging.

If your child takes ongoing medication you will also need to complete an updated Medication Form. Prescribed medications must include a pharmacy label with the child's name and dosage. GBOOSH forms have been updated to include this information so that we can ensure these details are provided.

Please note that failure to supply an updated plan, correct medication or a replacement for expired medication will result in suspension of bookings. Anyone with a current Medical Action Plan and Risk Minimisation Plan will be asked to review these as part of the upcoming re-enrolment process.

These are requirements under child care legislation, therefore the Department have advised services to suspend bookings if families do not supply the correct resources to meet a child's medical needs and ensure their safety at the service.



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Re-Enrolment for 2027

To allow GBOOSH to update some of our existing family records, this year we will conduct re-enrolment a little differently.

During Week 9 of Term 3, GBOOSH will hold 3 re-enrolment days:

- Monday 14 September
- Wednesday 16 September
- Thursday 17 September

At each session families will be asked to review their current contact details, review their child's medical action plans and any other risk minimisation plans before completing their 2027 Booking Request Form.

As mentioned above, if your child has a current anaphylaxis or allergy plan at the service, this along with any medication kept on site, will need to be reviewed and plans older than 2025 will need to be replaced with an updated format.

Where a **sibling will be joining GBPS/GBOOSH in 2027**, these children may also be added to the system at this time.

What happens if I am unable to attend in re-enrolment week? please email the centre to schedule an alternative time for us to call, zoom or email you to complete this process.

Families choosing not to participate in this process will have their GBOOSH account closed on Friday 19 December 2026.

If you have any questions about the GBOOSH Enrolment Policy or would like to obtain a copy of the policy, please visit the resource shelf in the foyer, speak to the GBOOSH office or email the service info@gymeabayoosh.com.au.

SAFETY REMINDERS

The following messages are part of GBOOSH's commitment to child safety, safety is paramount at all times:

- **NO PHOTOS or phones** - for safety and privacy no personal devices should be used while on GBOOSH premises, this includes parents & visitors. Under no circumstances should photos be taken of any child on GBOOSH premises, even if they are a friend, neighbour etc. Phones also provide a distraction when signing out or leaving the grounds safely so please keep them out of sight.
- **NO DOGS** - please do not bring dogs on to school grounds or leave them unattended at the fence. This is a requirement of the Department of Education. Not all children are comfortable with dogs or know how to handle them safely.
- **SHUT THE GATE** - please close the June Place gate when arriving and leaving the school grounds. Do not hold the gate open manually or prop it open with anything.
- **STAY WITH CHILDREN when leaving** - under the Regulations children **MUST** be escorted out by a parent or authorised contact person who signed them out. Do not allow children to run ahead or leave with other families.
- **Leave precious toys and electronic devices at home** - GBOOSH has policies which do not allow phones, smart watches or other devices at GBOOSH. This is to ensure safety and privacy for everyone.

